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Official Newletter of the Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting
Friday November 16
7:30 PM

Ground Zero
The World Trade Center
Bart Lee, KV6LEE

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1035 Carol Lane
Lafayette CA

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Monday 8:00 PM SATERN Net Salvation Army 147.06
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TENTH ANNUAL PACIFICON A HUGE SUCCESS

Members of MDARC should be most proud of our 2001 PACIFICON weekend. All the many hours of preparation, meetings, planning, phone calls and arrangements with speakers from around the world, various clubs and agencies, the hotel, the vendors, the hundreds of details, came to a wonderful conclusion. The 100+ members who participated in this rewarding team effort need your hearty congratulations and thanks. Although the attendance was slightly down from last year, due to several factors, the fun factor was at "20 0ver 9". We had three tracks of programs going, including the famous QRP'ers. You all know many of the events since you were there. According to Pacificon 2001 Chairman, Paul Dickey, "All the feedback was very positive and everyone enjoyed themselves. The vendors appreciated the opportunity to see so many hams at one weekend. The forums and speakers were all well attended. And I want to give a very sincere 'thank you' to a very hard working steering committee made up of Dick Brown, Jay Caldis, Greg Estep, Dick Schulze, Harry Styron and Terry Matzkin. And, of course, all the other 40 committee heads and their members.

Our first-time breakfast event was a sell-out at 140 people with the President of ARRL, Jim Haynie, giving an excellent talk. Jim also spoke at our dinner banquet and again at the ARRL final talk. He was entertaining and articulate, giving his views of the opportunities and challenges we face in justifying keeping our share of spectrum. Jim spoke of his vision for using amateur radio in the schools as a base to teach other subjects.

Jim Maxwell, our Pacific Division Director, awarded many certificates of appreciation to many clubs and individuals for outstanding service to amateur radio this past year. So all in all Pacificon 2001 was a huge success due to the dedication of many MDARC members. The club is flourishing and growing because YOU are contributing to its success. Thank you all. See you at our next meeting. Bring a friend.

73, Terry, KE6WRE

Board and general meeting minutes

MDARC
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes, 10/08/01

President Terry Matzkin, KE6WRE opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were: Vice-President Michael Burge, KG6CSJ, Secretary Paul Dickey, N6JOX, Treasurer Trevor Hall, WA6JAU and Directors Howard Burk, KE6PTT, Tracey Schwartz, KE6TOT, John Schulze, KR6CR, and Mike Patterson, KE6JGA. Also present: Pacificon Steering Committee members Dick Brown, KT6X, and Jay Caldis, KT6Y, as well as Refreshments Chairman Dave McIntyre, KG6ACD, Social Chairman George Roush, WB6OFH, Reggie Driscoll, WA6ZAP, Ray Gaschk, W6FYA and Bob Beard.

Howard noted the present status of the repeaters.

Terry made several announcements:
1. The digital projector purchased by the club is in his possession. 2. The application for the Calif. Sales tax permit has been submitted and is expected to be received prior to Pacificon. 3. The Nominating Committee still needs applicants for the Secretary position. 4. When MDARC sponsors a class for hams, those that pass, if they would be a first time new member, and they pass the class test, will be entitled to the rest of the year free of membership dues. 5. ATV will not broadcast the class material since it has been determined that it would not be legal. 6. The MDARC booth at Pacificon still needs helpers to sign up. Mike Burge noted that the REI initiative would tie-in with the Education Committee. Terry led a discussion about badges, id cards, pictures, membership cards, etc. He will verify with Sam, KO6JR, that membership cards will be printed, and that another line could be added to the membership form to enable members to buy badges.

Under new business, Terry led a discussion about the budget. Trevor has outlined the skeleton of next year¹s budget compared with this year¹s. Each committee needs to tell the Board how much money it needs for next year so that can be presented to the club membership at the December meeting.

Ray asked for the Board¹s approval to subscribe to ¹73 magazine for the Central Library. So approved.

A discussion of voting procedures in the club election resulted in no decision for change.

Dick brought up the question of Field Day reservations and the need to decide soon. There was no decision. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Dickey, N6JOX,
Secretary

Board of Advisors Sought for Amateur Master Communicator Course

Bay area amateur radio operators are invited to participate on a board of advisors to develop a master communicator course for amateur radio. The curriculum and question pool developed by this advisory panel will be presented for continuing education certification to the ARRL.

Minimum qualifications:

* Licensed amateur operator at least 2 years
* Amateur Technician license or higher
* Thorough knowledge of FCC Part 97
* Able to attend occasional in-person meetings in San Francisco

Desirable qualifications (one or multiple preferred):

* Amateur General license or higher
* FCC GROL
* On-air commercial broadcast experience
* Radio emergency dispatch experience
* Teaching experience
* Ability to compose lucid multiple choice examinations
* Formal communications skills training (Dale Carnegie, college-level public speaking coursework, etc.)
* Acting experience (will be useful in development of coursework on-air simulations)

Qualified amateurs are encouraged to email a letter of interest, outlining their qualifications to Ken Alan, K6PSI, at mailto:k6psi@arrl.net.

Pacificon Photos on the Web - Made Fun with Today's Great Tech Tools! (by Pete Harris, KE6ZIW)

Photos of Pacificon 2001 are currently available for viewing and download on the web at http://members.home.net/pacificon2001. That webpage is also linked off our MDARC website at http://mdarc.org (next to the Pacificon logo). Check it out!

Our family recently purchased a Sony digital camera (Cyber-shot DSC-S75 for those who care). I was looking for a chance to really put it to the test and do some serious playing with my new toy. So I decided to "take a few photos" at Pacificon. I got to play with my ham radio and new camera at the same time – what could be better? Well I kind of got addicted to it. I ended up taking over 200 photos during the 3 day event. One of the great things about digital cameras, however, is that you can see your photos right away and get rid of what you don't like. As I was taking the photos I immediately got rid of about 70 or 80 of them – to make room for more!

When I brought the photos home I transferred the remaining 140 photos to my computer through the USB transfer port on the camera. The computer actually sees the camera as another drive in Windows Explorer, so transferring is as easy as copying and pasting from the camera drive (which was E: drive on my computer) to C: drive. Of the remaining photos I decided that about 60 were fairly good and worth sharing with others. But how could I share 60 photos with several hundred club members? Dah! – the internet. Well, I recently got the web-authoring software Microsoft FrontPage. I decided I would try that out and see what I could create. Now this activity involved playing with ham radios, digital cameras, computers, cool new software and the internet. It was getting better!

FrontPage has a fantastic feature called "PhotoGallery". This allows you to select a bunch of photo files from a dialog box in FrontPage, write little captions for each photo, and the program does the rest. It creates a page with little thumbnail versions of each photo, all nicely laid out. No ability to write html code required. The user clicks on the little thumbnail photo and sees a full sized version. This is an amazing tool! You add a FrontPage "theme" and your webpage has a coordinated color and font scheme.

Although my camera is a 3.3 megapixel model, I took the photos at 2.1 megapixel to fit more photos on the Memory Stick storage in the camera. But even this resolution was way too big for posting on the web, because it would result in very long download times for dial-up web viewers. I used a photo editing program to downsize each picture from the original 1600x1200 pixels to a lower resolution of 600x450. The files were further cut down in size by being re-saved in a high compression jpg format. For permanent storage, all the original high-rez versions and the edited low-rez versions (and in fact the entire webpage) fit easily on one burned CD.

So there's the process. Amazing tools we have at our disposal today. And, if anyone wants to see the 150 pictures of our recent family vacation to southern California – just let me know! There's Morro Bay and Mickey Mouse and our relatives in San Diego and . . . . .

ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION UPDATE

By Jim Maxwell, W6CF, Director, Pacific Division, ARRL

Pacificon 2001 a Great Success

Pacificon 2001 is now history, and those who missed this super event missed a really great conventions. It consisted of three fun- and talk-packed days over the Oct. 19-21 weekend, in Concord.

The Friday antenna seminar was sold out, as was the keynote breakfast Saturday morning and also the banquet Saturday evening. Those who attended the two events were treated to presentations by ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, who spoke on his vision for the future of Amateur Radio in the US.

As usual, the QRP group was very active, even with an in-room contest during the event.

All in all, an excellent convention. Next year Pacificon will be held Oct. 18-20, 2002. It's not too soon to start planning to attend!

Gerald Griffin Candidate for Vice Director

I love amateur radio. I believe in the public interest to have a strong amateur service worldwide, and I have qualifications that can make a difference. I am therefore running for Vice Director, Pacific Division. I have extensive management experience, serving over 37 years in America's Army & Army Reserve. BronzeStar for Valor, Purple Heart. Brigadier General. Retire next summer. During those Army years I learned the importance of being a total team player, while maintaining my independence as spokesman for my soldiers and their needs. I am an enabler. I know how to follow a chain of command, and stay focused on the mission. I will carry those same skills into my service to you and amateur radio. I will be YOUR voice to Pacific Division Director Jim Maxwell and the ARRL. Your needs, ideas and desires WILL BE MY AGENDA. I will be there for you, work closely with the SMs and clubs to become YOUR enabler at the ARRL Board. As in the Army, I will have total open door policy for anyone to talk to me, voice an opinion, or carry a message or idea forward to the Director or ARRL Board. I listen well, am effective.

Life Member ARRL. Calls: KN6LHN(1958), K6LHN,W8MEP, DL/W8MEP, HL9DJ, YI0EP, DL/K6MD. DXCC Mixed Honor Roll. Past ARRL Official Experimental Station, DXCC Field Representative, RF Safety Committee. Currently Assistant Director, Pacific Division; VE. Memberships: Northern California DX Club/Foundation, Naval Postgraduate School ARC, QCWA Chapter 191 (founder).

Married 1964.Three daughters, five grandchildren. Emergency Medicine 20yrs, currently internist for cardiologists.

Thank you for taking time to read my statement. Your vote would be appreciated! I look forward to continuing my service to America and YOU as YOUR Vice Director of the Pacific Division. 73. Jerry, mailto:K6MD@aol.com

RACES Nets
Every Thursday at 19:00 hours

Central County Jim Brunk N6BHX 145.680 /s

South County Ed Ritchie K6SFD 146.355 /+ 100pl

East County Jim Tittle KC6SOE 146.535 /s

West County Rich Parker KD6JCT 145.110 /-

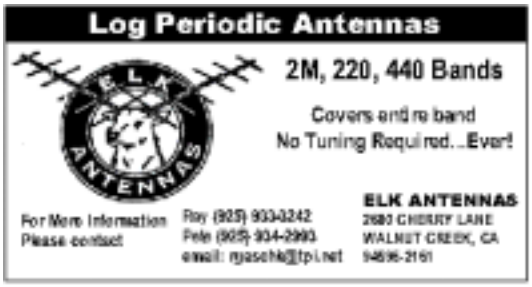
List of Scheduled Activity for W6CX ATV

SATURDAYS 8:00 AM COFFEE NET

SUNDAYS 8:00 AM COFFEE NET

WEDNESDAY 7:30 PM ELECTRONICS CLASS WITH KF6IQL

THURSDAY 8:00 PM. GENERAL ATV NET



Ground Zero—The World Trade Center

You have seen CNN and Fox News coverage. Now hear Bart Lee's (KV6LEE) personal observations — what he saw and heard in New York City — while working as the Red Cross radio night supervisor from September 12-21. Learn how the amateur radio community made a difference. Remember: "One does not 'rise to the occasion,' one sinks to one's level of training."

Ballot
Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club

This is the official ballot of Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club for the officers for the 2002 calendar year. Ballots may be mailed or cast at the membership meeting. Mailed ballots must be sent, postage paid, in time to arrive by 5:00 PM November 16, to:

Nominating Committee, MDARC
P.O. Box 23222
Pleasant Hill, CA 94532

Ballots may be cast in person by delivering them to the General Meeting held at 7:30 p.m. on November 16 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette, CA. All ballots must be deposited no later than 7:45 p.m.
Please mark the ballot with an "x" opposite the name of the person for whom you are voting. Print the first and last name of any write-in candidate. The eligibility of any write-in candidate will be determined by the Nominating Committee following the count of the ballots.
A copy of the ballot is being mailed with the Carrier but copies are permitted.

Block vote for all candidates _____

OFFICE	**Candidate(Vote for One)**	"X"
President	**Terry Matzkin, KE6WRE**	
Vice President	**Michael Burge, KG6CSJ**	
Secretary		
Treasurer	**Trevor Hall, WA6JAU**	
Emergency Coordinator	**Harry Styron, K6HS**	
Director: (vote for two)		
	Jay Caldis, KT6Y	
	Ron Luttringer, K6XC	
	John Pascale, NN6E	
	David McIntyre, KG6ACD	

JERRY GRIFFIN, K6MD

YOUR CANDIDATE FOR

VICE DIRECTOR

PACIFIC DIVISION, ARRL

LEADERSHIP

EXPERIENCE

SERVICE TO NATION

SERVICE TO AMATEUR RADIO

SERVING YOU, THE AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR

AVAILABILITY

PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU!

Member: Naval Postgraduate School ARC, NCDXC (Past President - now **VP**), Life Member ARRL, Life Member, QCWA (Founder, Chapter 191, Monterey Bay) NCDXF (Curator of Rocks, vice W6ISQ), German DX Foundation. **Currently, Assistant Director, Pacific Division.**

VOTE FOR

K6MD

HOOAH!! ..AS IN HOOAH!

Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club
Annual Dinner

Friday January 18th, 2002
At Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Lafayette
Doors open at 6:00pm
Dinner served at 7:00pm

Cost: $8.00 for Adults, $4.00 for Children 10 and under.

RSVP by January 10th to George Roush, 925 687-0912
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11/16/2001	7:30 PM	MDARC General Meeting	
11/17/2001	8:00 AM	PACIFICON General meeting	Emil Villa's Willow Pass Rd
11/23/2001		Carrier Deadline	
12/03/2001	7:30 PM	MDARC Board Meeting	Emil Villa's in Concord
12/14/2001	**7:30 PM**	**MDARC General Meeting --- Note Date change**	
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